College of Charleston
Committee on Academic Standards, Admissions, and Financial Assistance

March 20, 1996

Members attending:
  Lindsay Packer, Chair  Mathematics
  William A. Anderson  Registrar
  Elaine Griffin  Spanish
  Denis Keyes  Educational Foundations and Specializations
  William Lindstrom  Dean of Undergraduate Studies
  Walter Pharr, Secretary  Computer Science

Guest attending:
  Donald R. Griggs  Director of Financial Assistance and Scholarships

The meeting of the Committee for March 20, 1996, was called to order at 3:05 PM.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Griggs discussed a proposed policy revision concerning External Pre-Approved Programs (International Student Exchange, National Student Exchange, and Bilateral Programs). Federal regulations require that if a student in one of these programs is to receive Federal funds, the grades made within the program be treated like the College's own grades. Previously the College has not been accepting for transfer D's made at other institutions. The proposed new policy is as follows:

All course work taken as part of an external pre-approved program (International Student Exchange, National Student Exchange, and Bilateral Exchange) be considered for credit and academic enrollment status the same as if it were completed at the College of Charleston. The senior year residency requirement is not affected by this policy.

This would mean that grades from A to D, inclusive, would be accepted for transfer to the College for those students in the indicated programs, whether or not they in fact receive Federal aid. The grade would not affect calculation of the GPA. Mr. Anderson stated that all three of the programs have a GPA requirement, and that students in the programs are closely monitored. He also stated that few if any students in these programs have ever actually made D's at the other institutions. The Committee approved a motion to present this proposal to the College Senate.

There was a brief discussion on whether students who have not fulfilled all graduation requirements should be allowed to participate in the ceremony (known as "walking"). The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

petitioned to be allowed to take 11 of her last 37 hours at the Community College of Beaver County (Pennsylvania) for financial reasons. The Committee approved the petition.

petitioned to be allowed to take 9 hours Midlands Tech so that she will be able to do practice teaching in her senior year. The Committee approved the petition.

petitioned to be allowed to take 12 of her last 37 hours (all in Business, her major) at the University of Arizona, because of a job offer in Arizona. The Committee approved the petition.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Pharr